GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Production of Grapes, Onion
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the leading Grapes and Onion producing States in the country;

(b) the total production of Grapes and Onion recorded during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of the assistance provided by the Government to the Grapes and Onion producers of various States of the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that the farmers producing Grapes and Onion are not getting remunerative prices for their produce; and

(e) if so, the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The details of the leading Grapes and Onion Producing states along with the state-wise production are at Annexure-I.

(c): The details of the assistance provided by the Government to the farmers growing horticulture crops including Grapes and Onion of various States of the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise are at Annexure-II.

(d): So far, no representation has been received from any state regarding farmers producing Grapes and Onion not receiving remunerative price for their produce.

(e): Steps taken by the government to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers producing horticulture crops including Grapes and Onion are as under:

â€¢ Assistance is provided for development of infrastructure for Post Harvest Management and marketing such as storages, wholesale Markets, Rural Primary Market, Kisan Mandies, etc.

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â€¢ Facilitating direct marketing, contract farming, setting up of private markets, farmer consumer markets and e-markets.

â€¢ Implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities including grapes and onion, under which losses, if any, are shared between the Central Government and the State Government concerned on 50:50 basis.

â€¢ Providing market information to farmers on prices and arrivals of agricultural commodities in regulated markets on AGMARKNET portal to enable the farmers to get better remunerative prices.

â€¢ To boost exports, recently a new scheme has been launched namely "Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)" under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, wherein the exporters/farmers are incentivized for export of their goods/products including onion and grapes to specified markets.